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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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Attorney Docket No: 108131-00000

Application No. 09/606,211

Art Unit: 3627

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Examiner: F. Zeender

For: TRANSACTION MANAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND RECORDING
MEDIUM STORING TRANSACTION MANAGING PROGRAM THEREIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH RCE FILING

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action dated November 5, 2003 and the Notice of Appeal, which was timely filed on November 28, 2003 (November 27, 2003 being a Federal Holiday), with a three-month extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: